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SUBJ: FONMIN MINIC COMMENTS ON CIEC IN ZAGREB SPEECH

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1. YUGOSLAV FONMINISTER MINIC OF FEB 18TH BEFORE POLITICAL AKTIV
OF CROATIA DEVOTED SEVERAL PARAGRAPHS OF LONG FOREIGN POLICY
TOUR D'HORIZON TO CIEC. HE BEGAN WITH BRIEF STATUS REPORT ON
CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE MENTIONED OBJECTIVE DIFFERENCES WITHIN
G-19 (OIL PRODUCERS VS. NON-OIL PRODUCERS, COASTAL VS. LANDLOCKED
STATES, ETC.) AND YUGOSLAVIA'S ROLE IN COORDINATING THESE
DIFFERENT INTERESTS, AND SAID CIEC NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE
LONG AND DIFFICULT. MINIC SAID "MOST SERIOUS FLAW" OF PARIS
CONFERENCE IS ABSENCE OF CEMA COUNTRIES AND OTHER SOCIALIST
STATES. ABSENCE OF THESE COUNTRIES, HE CLAIMED, CAN PRODUCE
SERIOUS HISTORICAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES. WITHOUT
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THEIR PRESENCE, COMPLETE SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT AND

NEW ECONOMIC SYSTEM NOT LIKELY TO BE FOUND.

2. COMMENT: THEME ITSELF NOT NEW AND HAS BEEN RAISED BEFORE BY YUGOSLAVS. HOWEVER, MAY BE SIGNIFICANT THAT IT RESURFACES AT THIS TIME, AND MAY FORESHADOW INCREASED PRESSURE ON SOVIETS TO DO MORE FOR LDC'S. YUGOSLAVS HAVE LONG BEEN UNHAPPY WITH SOVIET RECORD IN THIS FIELD. REPORTEDLY MINIC RAISED THIS WITH GROMYKO DURING RECENT MOSCOW VISIT WITH NO RESULT. JELKO ZAGAR, FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY ADVISER TO YUGOSLAV FEDERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT GLIGOROV, TOLD CHARGE YESTERDAY THAT YUGOSLAVS WERE GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH CIEC RESULTS THUS FAR. WENT ON TO SINGLE OUT, AS MAJOR PROBLEM, FAILURE OF SOVIETS AND OTHER EAST EUROPEANS TO ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE WITH LDC'S, LET ALONE OFFER THEM SIGNIFICANT HELP.
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